

OHIO ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLE INCENTIVES AND LAWS

Overview

Ohio does not offer any incentives for alternative fuel vehicles (AFVs). Several Ohio utilities support AFV programs, and Cincinnati Gas & Electric offers a \$600 conversion rebate for compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicles.

Highlights

\$ Up to \$600 from Cincinnati Gas & Electric for conversion to CNG

State Incentives

At the time of publication, Ohio did not offer incentives for AFVs other than an income tax credit for 10% ethanol by volume (E10). For more information, contact Jeff Westhoven at the Ohio Office of Administrative Services at (614) 466-4525.

Utility/Private Incentives

\$ **Cincinnati Gas & Electric** provides a maximum rebate of \$600 per vehicle for conversion to CNG. Cincinnati Gas & Electric offers a Fuelmaker refueling appliance lease for pilot programs, station construction assistance, technical help, and vehicle conversion training. Cincinnati Gas & Electric offers technical assistance for electric vehicle (EV) technology and conversions. For more information, contact Bob Hallas at (513) 287-3957.

Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. is currently opening one new natural gas vehicle (NGV) fueling station per week as part of a 1994 Five-Year Infrastructure Plan, which, by the end of 1995, will result in approximately 75 operational NGV fueling stations in its 5-state service territory. Areas serviced include Athens, Cambridge, Columbus, Mansfield, Middleburg Heights, Norwalk, Toledo, and Wintersville. Customers are provided pre-installation/conversion fleet and fueling analysis, extensive engineering assistance, a comprehensive training program, as well as temporary fueling facilities. For additional information, contact the NGV Hotline at (800) 866-4GAS extension 54, Tim Davis at (614) 460-6359, or Domini Hunt at (614) 481-1045.

East Ohio Gas offers CNG station financing, construction management, temporary refueling facilities for up to two years, technical assistance, and vehicle conversion training. The natural gas refueling stations that East Ohio Gas uses for its fleet are accessible to the public. If a fleet customer is converting enough vehicles to natural gas, East Ohio Gas will build and operate a fueling station at the customer's site. Contact Tim Roshetko at (216) 736-6740 for more information.

The National Ethanol Vehicle Coalition (NEVC) is part of a joint public/private partnership to promote 85% ethanol (E85) as an alternative transportation fuel. Through a pilot grant from the U.S. Department of Energy, NEVC provides forgivable loans for the installation of public E85 refueling facilities. For additional information, contact Phil Lambert at (314) 635-8445.

Laws & Regulations

The state provides a 1¢/gallon income tax credit for sale of E10, with a maximum of \$15 million per year.

In 1990, the Governor signed legislation directing fleets of 3 state agencies to use E10 whenever possible.

Under the requirements of the Energy Policy Act (EPACT), the Ohio Department of Transportation has initiated a CNG pilot project in Cleveland involving 20 pickup trucks.

Under House Bill HB 201 (1992), Ohio has established an Alternative Fuels Advisory Council to evaluate the use of alternative fuels in the state. The council has completed a report; contact Gordon Proctor at (614) 644-7087 to request a copy.

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